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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL BANK STRIKE

REF: HELSINKI 1126

1. AS ANTICIPATED REFTEL STRIKE OF COMMERCIAL BANK
EMPLOYEES BEGAN MAY 2 BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO AGREE ON
TERMS FOR NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

PRINCIPAL

POINTS AT ISSUE ARE LENGTH OF AGREEMENT (THE EMPLOYERS
WANT A TWO- YEAR CONTRACT) AND EMPLOYEES DEMAND FOR EIGHT
PERCENT WAGE- LAG ADJUSTMENT FOR
LOW- SALARIED EMPLOYEES, IN ADDITION TO ELEVEN PERCENT
INCREASE IN BASIC WAGES.

2. EMBASSY INQUIRY TO BANK OF FINLAND INDICATES AMERICAN
TOURISTS AND COMMERCIAL FIRMS WILL NOT BE GREATLY
INCONVENIENCED BY THE STRIKE, SINCE BOTH THE CENTRAL POST
OFFICE BANK AND THE BANK OF FINLAND WILL CONTINUE TO
ACCOMMODATE FOREIGN TRAVELERS IN NEED OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE
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SERVICES. HOTELS AND TRAVEL AGENCIES THEREFORE ARE IN
POSITION TO MEET FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
OF TOURISTS.

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